

# **FATHOM THIS!**

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Welcome to San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, your floating national park on our fair city's historic waterfront. To find out about the many events and programs the park has to offer, including afternoon sailing adventures aboard the scow schooner *Alma*, guided tours of historic vessels, story readings for kids, and the award winning monthly chantey sing, please see the park website at <http://www.nps.gov/safr/>, or call the Visitor Center, 415-447-5000. The San Francisco Maritime National Park Association sponsors a number of events, including films and lectures. To find out about these events, or to join the SFMNPA, please see <http://www.maritime.org>, or call 415-561-6662, ext. 33.

Boarding fees for the historic vessels berthed at Hyde Street Pier are: Adults, \$5. Ages 15 and under, free. Free with national park passes. The ticket booth located halfway along Hyde Street Pier.

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### **MONKEYS' FISTS, TURKS HEADS AND BELLROPES, OH MY!**

*Saturday, July 3, at the Exploratorium, 3601 Lyon Street, San Francisco. Open Tuesday-Sunday 10am-5pm. Exploratorium Information: 415-561-0360.*

Bring the kids and grandkids to the San Francisco Exploratorium Saturday, July 3, for the one day show, ARTISANAL TAKES ON PATTERN, DIMENSION AND TOPOLOGY. Weavers will be weaving, lacemakers will be tatting, and SF Maritime rigging crew member Chris Jannini, with volunteers Luc Maheu and Ali Immel, will be making traditional sailors knot work, including turks heads, bellropes, monkeys' fists, grommets, and other nautical items. Come over and learn about the ancient art of shipboard knot work. Also, throughout July, a 1/2 scale paranzella (fish net used aboard a type of traditional fishing craft known as a felucca) will be exhibited, hanging from the rafters, along with knot work at floor level.

### **4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION**

*On Hyde Street Pier, aboard historic ships. 6:30, until end of fireworks display. Tickets: \$45 adults, \$20 seniors 65 and older, and kids ages 4-12. Kids under 4, free. \$35 San Francisco Maritime National Park Association members. Tickets: 415-561-6662, or <http://www.maritime.org>.*

Join us for an old fashioned 4th of July celebration on Hyde Street Pier, and view the fireworks from the best seat in the City! Gates open 6:30pm, fireworks display begins 9:30pm. Price includes admission to pier, historic vessels, and plenty to eat! Enjoy classic caesar salad, country potato salad, summer pasta salad, BBQ chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs, corn bread, chips and salsa, brownies, cookies, and watermelon.

### **1901 SF WATERFRONT STRIKE! A LIVING HISTORY REENACTMENT**

*Saturday, July 10, noon and repeated at 3:00pm, on Hyde Street Pier and aboard historic vessels. No fee for pier activities. Ships admission fees apply. Information: 415-447-5000.*

From July 13 to October 2, 1901, San Francisco's waterfront was shut down by sailors, teamsters and longshoremen striking for better pay and working conditions. Experience the sights and sounds of the old waterfront through this Living History reenactment.

Take a ready-made picket sign and join the strikers march on Hyde Street Pier, or join a defiant ship owner as he argues against the strike. Hear impassioned speeches on both sides of the conflict, and voice your own opinion!

### **FLOATING FILMS: CINEMA NIGHT ABOARD EUREKA**

*Thursday, July 15, open seating begins 7:30pm, movie begins 8pm. Suggested Donation: \$5. Information: 415-215-6291.*

Enjoy classic maritime films aboard the 1890-built historic landmark San Francisco ferry *Eureka*, berthed at Hyde Street Pier. This month's feature is Alfred Hitchcock's *Lifeboat*. Refreshments will be on sale. The summer series of films are hosted by the San Francisco Maritime National Park Association, and proceeds help fund maritime education and preservation programs.

### **WELCOME NEW PARK STAFF**

New ranger **JR Earnest** was raised in Oakhurst, CA just outside of Yosemite gate. Growing up in this wilderness setting instilled in JR a passion for the outdoors that has led him on many adventures and has inspired him to become a NPS ranger. Six years ago he moved to San Francisco. In addition to being a seasonal ranger, JR is working towards his B.S. in Environmental Studies at San Francisco State University.

Native San Franciscans Cynthia Abruzzo Harb and Jim Scullion are this summer's Teacher / Ranger / Teachers. This program involves teachers as rangers during the summer. They bring outstanding teaching skills to their summer employment with the National Park Service, and bring back to their schools what they learn here about maritime history, through special projects with their students.

**Cynthia Abruzzo Harb** is in her 10th year at Marina Middle School. She teaches a comprehensive Physical Education program that covers everything from hockey, circus skills, self defense, dance, to teaching kids how to ride a bike. Of her job here, Cynthia states, "I feel very fortunate to be selected as a teacher / ranger / teacher this year, and have always appreciated the beauty of our national parks. I am working on a walking program to get my students to discover this treasure of a park right here in our school's neighborhood. I have always been an avid walker. In 1986 I walked across America from Los Angeles, to Washington DC with The Great Peace March. It took 9 1/2 months to walk with the purpose of educating and encouraging Global Nuclear Disarmament. I know first hand how vast and beautiful our country is and encourage people to stop and smell the roses."

**Jim Scullion** has been an educator for 30 years, teaching First Grade for the Marin City School District. "My project for the program is called, *Ferryboats from Sausalito to San Francisco Past and Present*. The students will learn how people travelled from Sausalito to San Francisco before the Golden Gate Bridge was built. The Sausalito ferry is within walking distance from our school. Most students are unaware of the historical significance of ferryboat travel. The students will be introduced to pictures and books about early ferryboats on the bay. The students will travel aboard a modern ferryboat to San Francisco and visit San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park."

**Eloise Warren** is the park's new Museum Technician. Originally from Maine, Eloise moved to San Francisco from Boston. For the past five years she has worked with the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy where her most recent work was developing a stewardship program for coastal fortifications throughout the Presidio and Marin

Headlands. Eloise received her B.A. in anthropology and art from Washington University in St. Louis, MO, and is very excited to join the park!

## **GETTING THE LIBRARY CATALOG ONLINE**

The Maritime library has completed a major step toward getting its catalog records online, recently completing the conversion of card catalog records to machine-readable catalog records. Previously only available only to library staff, the Athena catalog, which we used to accomplish this, is now available to the public in the Library Reading Room through equipment supplied by the Library Friends. What's next? Cataloging and inventorying all our periodicals, and migrating all the holdings in our Athena catalog into the NPS Voyager catalog, so that all our catalog records, representing our titles held as well as number of copies & their exact locations, will be available on the internet. (Our holdings at the title level are currently available online at <http://www.library.nps.gov/>) Interested in helping out? Call the library, 415-561-7030.

## **NEW ACQUISITION IN HISTORIC DOCUMENTS**

*Historic Documents Department located on the top floor of the Maritime Library, Fort Mason Center, Bldg. E. Appointments: 415-561-7030.*

A collection of photos and motion picture reels were recently added to the Cruise Lines International Association records collection (HDC 1431, SAFR 21873). The films are promotional material that were produced by the CLIA.

## **VIEW MUSEUM CATALOG RECORDS ONLINE**

*The park's object collection is available for research by appointment: 415-561-7053.* Updated museum catalog records for the park are now available at the National Park Service web catalog. Almost 21,000 records are posted to search or browse. About one-fifth of the records have images. Go to <http://www.museum.nps.gov/safr/page.htm> to access.

**The library is open** every 3rd Saturday, 10am-5pm, and M-F afternoons by appointment. Appointments: 415-561-7030, or ring doorbell. Immediate appointments usually available.

## **LINKS**

<http://www.nps.gov/safr/> San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park

<http://www.maritime.org> San Francisco Maritime National Park Association, the park's nonprofit member supported cooperating association.

<http://www.maritimelibraryfriends.org> The park library's nonprofit member supported cooperating association.

<http://www.hydestreetlivinghistory.org> The park Living History Program's volunteer created and managed website.

<http://www.museum.nps.gov/safr/page.htm>. Park museum catalog records.

<http://corsair-viking.org> The San Francisco Sea Scouts, the park's neighboring partner in Aquatic Park.

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